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MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1871.

GOVERNOR PALMER'S SPECIAL MESSAGE.

On Saturday Governor Palmer communicated to the General Assembly a special message covering the second chapter of his correspondence concerning a supposed illegal occupation of Illinois by United States troops under General Sheridan. The facts and circumstances of the first chapter are familiar to the public. Those of the second are substantially as follows:

After the Federal troops which had been here during the fire had been ordered back to Omaha, a number of citizens, including the officers of the Relief and Aid Society, moved by [what they considered strong reasons, addressed General Sheridan a request in the following words:

The undersigned respectfully and urgently request that you will cause four companies of United States infantry to be stationed at or near this city, until it shall appear that there is no danger of attack by disorderly persons upon the depots of the Relief and Aid Society, or other riotous proceedings, for which the recent appalling calamity may have paved the way. We believe the presence of a small military force in this vicinity would, at the same time, deter any evil-disposed persons from organizing a breach of the peace, and reassure the public mind in an extraordinary degree."

General Sheridan's despatch was not an order. His only order in the premises reads as follows:

To General George G. Meade, Philadelphia:

Order four companies of the Eighth Infantry, with field officer, to Chicago, to report to General Sheridan in person.

W. T. SHERMAN, General.

This is the only order in the case, and it contains nothing more or less than it purports. There was nothing in the original request, nor in Sheridan's endorsement thereon, nor in Sherman's orders, nor in the presence of the troops here, that can justly be construed as a purpose or design to put the military or civil power of the United States above that of the State.

The Chicago *Tribune* does not deny that the United States have the right to station troops at or near the city of Chicago, or at or near the city of Springfield, and this right is in no way dependent upon the wishes or consent of the State authorities. Unless these troops are used to coerce the State authorities, or employed in executing State laws without proper request, the margin left for complaints of military usurpation is a small one. In this case, before the Governor acted in his special message, the President had notified him, that he had directed all orders (if any had been given) contrary to law, or interfering with State authority, to be rescinded. This ought to have been satisfactory, though what order in the case would need to be rescinded it is difficult to point out.

METHODISM AND POLITICS.

Our readers have undoubtedly read with interest the letter of the Rev. Dr. G. McKown, pastor of the Third Street Methodist Episcopal Church in Rockford, Illinois, in reply to some strictures of our Washington correspondent on the political operations of some of the dignitaries of that Church. We understand Mr. McKown to deny that the Methodist Episcopal Church is in any sense a political institution or machine, and that, if any of its dignitaries are seeking to make it such, so much the worse for them. We reprint two passages from his letter, which embody the gist of what he desire to say a word about:

Perhaps the fact he mentions, viz. that the President and Chief Justice, and a large number of Senators—another is coming from Illinois—and Representatives, are pew-holders in the Metropolitan Methodist Episcopal Church in Washington, may have had some thing to do with the inspiration of "Gath." Does he know anything of the saying, "The wish is father to the thought?" I am somewhat skeptical respecting his zeal for the purity and assistance of the Methodist Episcopal Church. I want to say to "Gath" and his Goliah, that I should be sorry to hold the Congregationalists, Presbyterians, and Unitarian Churches responsible for such championship as contained in this letter. I am unwilling as a Methodist that he should hold the Church he upbraids responsible for such follies as he charges upon Dr. Newman. If the Doctor is at fault, so much the worse for him. But the Church of which he is an honored pastor, is in no way responsible.

"Gath" need not fear that the Methodist Episcopal Church will forget her true calling to follow his. And she has for so many years received attentions similar to his, that she will not consent to be whipped to the line. She is of one, She is a native born. She belongs to this soil. She intends to stay, and to hand down to her children, untainted and with honest increase, the heritage God has given her. And she will do her part to observe the true interests of government by the people, from among the people.

Passing over all that can be deemed personal in this correspondence, we are constrained to say that there has been an effort made, extending over a number of years, to make the Methodist Episcopal Church an apparatus for elevating certain men to office in preference to other men belonging to the same political party. This is now so well known that it has become an important factor in the calculations of politicians and party conventions. That is to say, politicians and party conventions are in the habit of taking this consideration and inquiring how this, that, or the other candidate will please the Methodists, when they never think of inquiring how any candidate will please the Baptists, or Presbyterians. This is perfectly notorious. We are far from supposing that the great body of the Methodist denomination, either lay or clerical, are aware that they exercise any such peculiar influence in political circles, or that they would approve of it if they knew it. But the fact is as we have stated it.

It is unnecessary for us to add (Mr. McKown himself acknowledges it) that, to the extent that the Methodist Church, or any other denomination of Christians, comes to exercise political influence, it will lose its religious character and prominence. By political influence we do not mean the exercise of the right of suffrage; that is not merely the privilege, but the duty of all men. We mean the sort of influence which makes itself felt in caucuses and conventions, giving certain men a preference or advantage in the procurement of public office because they are agreeable to a particular denomination or form of worship.

We appreciate, as fully as Mr. McKown, the patriotism of the Methodist Church, and its membership, during the war. We acknowledge, as warmly as he can desire, its anti-slavery character before the war. We admire its zeal in good works. We have often felt called upon, in our capacity as a secular journal, to notice and commend the perseverance and self-sacrificing spirit of its preachers. For these reasons, among others, we regret to see that the temptation to use so large and well-organized a body as the Methodist denomination for political ends has been too great to be resisted by some of the dignitaries of the Church. These persons, however high their standing, should be admonished that they have forgotten their calling. It is not fitting that even Masons, or Odd Fellows, or the so-called Grand Army of the Republic, should be turned into machines for the promotion of the political fortunes of particular individuals. How much less fitting is it that a religious body should be perverted to such uses. We are gratified to know that the Rev. Mr. McKown agrees with us in this view, and only differs from us as to the question of fact. If he can get at the real opinions of the politicians of the Northwest, he will find that we have not exaggerated or misstated *their* conception of the importance of Methodism in politics.

THE DISMISSAL OF CATACAZY.

The dismissal of M. Catacazy, the Russian Minister at Washington, has not been insisted upon by our government without sufficient cause. It seems that, as long ago as the 13th of June, 1871, the Department of State requested, through our representative in Russia, Governor Curtin, that the offending Minister be withdrawn. The Russian Government asked for the reasons, which were not then given, the notification that the Minister was offensive being held to be all that could be rightfully asked. The Emperor, therefore, requested that the demand be withdrawn until after the official presentation of the Grand Duke Alexis. This being over, and the functions of Catacazy terminated, Mr. Fish addressed a note to Governor Curtin, communicating, for the information of the Russian Government, a statement of some of the reasons impelling the United States to hold no further official relations with Catacazy, which may be stated briefly as follows: Shortly after his arrival here he began to make himself officious in matters not pertaining to his office and pending before Congress; importuning Senators and members, resorting to personal interviews, annoying to those indecorously approached. He used the newspaper press to influence public opinion, indulging in the most unreserved personal abuse of public measures and individuals, and especially abusive, personally, of all persons connected with the claim of the Perkins estate, pending before the Russian Government, and which had been presented by General Cass and Secretary Seward, and their predecessors.

The newspaper articles on this question indicate a familiarity with some of the facts of the case, many of which were traced so near to Catacazy as to leave an impression that he at least inspired them. A remarkable letter of this kind appeared in the New York *World*, in November, 1870. Two days after its appearance Catacazy appeared at the State Department, and, referring to this letter, denounced it as full of lies and misrepresentations; he declared that he knew nothing of its authorship, had no intercourse with the correspondents, and attributed its authorship to his enemies, the Perkins claimants, with a design to injure him. This voluntary disclaimer of all knowledge, and this voluntary denunciation of the falsity of the article, he subsequently put in writing. Mr. Fish, however, upon application to the *World* correspondent, learned the fact that Catacazy dictated all the statements of the letter to the correspondent, who, after he had written the letter, left it with Catacazy for revision; that the letter revised it, and that it was printed precisely as it came from Catacazy's hands.

In 1870 there appeared in the public papers a statement that Prince Gortschakoff, the Russian Chancellor, had been displaced, which publication was followed by a denial that it was published, in which the Perkins claim was commended. Catacazy wrote to Mr. Fish, denouncing these papers as forgeries, and got up for the purpose of injuring him. Subsequently, Mr. Fish learned by unquestionable evidence that the whole publication was got up by Catacazy, and by him procured to be published.

In one of his letters to the Russian Government, written after the agitation for his recall, Catacazy describes a personal interview he had with the President, in which, he says, the President received him kindly, addressed him as "My dear Catacazy," and inquired after his family. This, Mr. Fish was directed by the President to say, was an entire falsification. The truth was, Catacazy followed the President to Long Branch, and asked an interview, which was refused. He then renewed the request, with an assurance that he merely desired to pay his personal respects. He was admitted, and, attempting to speak of official matters, was peremptorily checked by the President, who throughout treated him with the coldness consistent with the respect due to a person under his roof.

Another reason given is his direct interference to prevent the negotiation of the treaty with Great Britain, and, since its ratification, he has endeavored to prevent its execution. For these and various other reasons the President and Secretary of State demanded his recall.

Mr. Bontwell's plan, of taxing the country roundly for the purpose of setting up some ship-builders in American steamers in spite of the obstacles which "Protection" has thrown in the way of such business, has, we observe, received a rebuke in the action of the National Board of Trade, at St. Louis. Philadelphia was on hand with a proposition for such bounty as the Secretary asked in his late report, while Boston, on the other hand, is more interested in ship-building, but less in government bounties—asked the board to memorialize Congress in favor of the only rational method of fostering American ship-building, viz.: to make materials cheap by abolishing or abating the duties upon them, and to admit foreign-built steamers to American registry. In discussing these resolutions, Mr. Windsor, a Philadelphia protectionist, admitted that the system which had been devised for the building up of certain other interests had been the means of killing the shipping interest. Mr. Edward Atkinson, of Boston, let a good deal of daylight through the Pennsylvania scheme, and Mr. Opdyke, of New York, followed up with a substitute, to the effect that Congress authorize the admission of foreign-built vessels to American registry for foreign commerce. The Boston resolution was carried, but the vote did not indicate a quorum. Mr. Opdyke's substitute was afterwards adopted, and the Boutwell plan went begging for friends. It is evident that the business men of the country do not believe that two wrongs make one right, or that we should set one man up in the steamship business at the public expense simply because we have been so foolish, in former years, as to endow, from the people's pockets, another man who is in the iron line.

On Saturday, we understand, those of the old "nineteen" in the City Council who hold over, and those of the same kidney who have since been elected, held meetings, or, as they called them, caucuses, to nominate the men who are to be elected by the City Council to the various city offices. Those of the faction who call themselves Republicans met in one place, and the others, calling themselves Democrats, met in another place, and each nominated a quota of officers, for which the whole Council is expected to vote. Thus, the majority of one faction of the nineteen nominated its candidates, and the majority of the other faction nominated its candidates. Five men, in each case, designated who were to be elected by the whole board of forty members.

It may be a little too soon to judge of the condition of parties in the Common Council; but that the old corruptionists have a strong force there, and that they claim a majority, is not questioned. Should these men to-night develop sufficient power to elect their caucus nominees, the public will understand that it will require another year and another election to rid the public of the "nineteen." It may be that the "nineteen" have grown in their numbers, and are now able to control the legislation of the Council; if so, the fact may as well be made known at once, that the name of each betrayer of the public may be recorded for general information.

The city of St. Paul is supplied with water by a private corporation, and the city has contracted with that company for the furnishing of water to the fire-plugs. The contract requires the city to pay its bills semi-annually—on the 1st of July and 1st of January. The last payment made by the city was in January, 1870, leaving two years' rents unpaid, and the Council refuses to allow interest on the unpaid bills. The Water Company, on Tuesday last, declaring the contract annulled by the refusal or omission of the city to pay, disconnected all the fire-plugs, thus leaving the city without water in case of fire. The amount due for rent is about $10,000. The Board of Underwriters in St. Paul have resolved to increase the rates of insurance 50 per cent while this matter remains unsettled.

Our citizens, immediately after the fire, experienced for ten days the terrors and the distress of a want of water. Do they remember that the continuance of a supply depends upon the freedom from accidents of the machinery and apparatus at the Water Works? An accident to the tunnel, or an injury to the crib, could not be repaired without cutting off the entire supply, both for domestic purposes and for the fire-engines. The recommendation of the Mayor in favor of a supply of water for the use of the Fire Department, independent of the pumping-works, is one that requires immediate attention. To stake every thing upon a single pump is taking a risk altogether too hazardous. The health and safety of the city depends upon an early provision for an independent supply of water for fire purposes, either by artesian wells or by pipes communicating with the river.

It is urged as a reason why the United States should go into the general telegraph business, that private enterprise will not build telegraph lines except where the business will pay, and that the government has money enough to do so. The same rule will apply to all other cases where private enterprise will not engage in unprofitable business. There are many such cases. There is not a county in all the United States that would not like to have one or two railroads built through it; private enterprise will not build them, and, unless the government taxes the whole people to pay for them, they will not be built. There are many poor newspapers in the country because private enterprise will not establish better ones; there are a great many places which have no newspapers at all, for the same reason. Tea and coffee are not raised in the United States, because the time has not come when private enterprise will engage in that line of production; but these pressing wants of essentials of life do not justify the government engaging in the business. The fact that the business will not pay is a sufficient reason for not attempting it and that it is not needed. Whenever the wants of any community require a line of telegraph, private enterprise will promptly discover the fact.

The Cincinnati *Gazette* calls attention to the fact that, in the published list of contributions received by the Chicago Relief and Aid Society, Ohio is credited with only $46,209.19, whereas Cincinnati alone has contributed over $300,000 for the relief of this city. The Cincinnati contribution (a most munificent one, indeed) was disbursed by her own committee, and hence does not appear on the books of the Chicago Relief and Aid Society.

In connection with this matter, the *Gazette* adds the following:

Yesterday a private despatch was received in this city from a citizen of Chicago, which reads as follows:

"Tell your committee not to give any money to the Chicago General Relief Association, as it is badly managed. Specie is much wanted at the best work."

This is a matter that the Chicago papers should explain, as there is still a large amount of money held for the relief of Chicago, and the donors should know what has been done with it.

If the name of the citizen who sent the despatch had been given, the Chicago newspapers might be able to explain. Without that information all that they can say is, that they do not share in his apprehensions.

THE TRIBUNE is under many obligations for favors since the fire, and, now that our new Hoe press enables us to meet the wants and expectations of our subscribers, we return our most grateful thanks to Hon. Thos. A. Scott, Vice President of the Pennsylvania Central, and J. N. McCullough, Esq., Superintendent of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railway, for bringing this machine through for us from New York in the short space of *thirty-six hours*. Their General Agent, Mr. Gossler, No. 271 Broadway, Mr. Young, in Jersey City, and the depot agents at Pittsburgh showed every attention to our wants, and also have our hearty thanks.

THE LAW COURTS.

The Judges Make an Error in their Reckoning —New Suits in the Circuit Court.

SUPREME COURT.

When the great fire occurred in Chicago, the Supreme Court was in session. The loss of records, files, and evidences of claims, caused the court to consider upon some measure of relief. The seven Judges committed, and as the result of their deliberations they made a decision. Remembering the date of the day upon which they, under the law, would have to convene at Springfield in the October term, they allowed the counties to add to the amount to the duties on those counties had they been imported, while on the Boston Board it recommends that the promotion of commerce and the construction of sea-going vessels should be fostered by the abatement of unnecessary taxes and not by granting bounties or subsidies.

Mr. Wetherbee, of Philadelphia, introduced other resolutions endorsing the plan of the Secretary of the Treasury for allowing $3 per ton on all American-built steamers of over 2,000 tons, and urging the government to assist American commerce by giving the foreign mail service to American steamships on the same terms as prevail in the land postal service.

Mr. Windsor, of Philadelphia, said that all agreed that something should be done to encourage American shipping, and the only question was how it could best be done. Protectionists, he said, wanted to begin by saying that the very system adopted to protect other interests had killed the life of building the shipping interest. (Applause.) It was evident that some special plan must be adopted for the protection of the shipping.

Mr. Candler, of Boston, offered a preamble and resolutions as a substitute, providing that the construction of American-built vessels at a low cost may be best promoted by admitting duties on materials used; that all vessels of foreign construction or bearing a foreign flag shall, when owned by citizens of the United States, be entitled to American registry, enrollment and license as if built in the United States of America, and that iron or material required for subsistence or repairs of vessels engaged in the foreign trade may be landed in bonded warehouses free of duty; that, in making contracts for the ocean postal service, the Post Office Department should give the preference to vessels owned by American citizens, providing that the service is rendered as low and generally satisfactory rates as are exacted by foreign vessels.

Mr. Candler supported his resolution in a forcible and telling speech, in which he advocated the remission of duties on ship-building materials as the best way to foster that interest. This could not be construed as a bounty, but was only a abatement of taxes, as the whole matter was based upon the question of cheap transportation of our exports and imports. Let Americans go into the markets of the world, and buy ships where they could get them the cheapest. If it was opposed to subsidies or government bounty, for he wanted the young sailor with his schooner or brig to have an equal chance with the gigantic steamship supported with its millions of capital.

Mr. Atkinson, of Boston, said that Mr. Windsor's admission completely knocked the bottom out of the Philadelphia proposition, and, with such admission coming from that side of the controversy, the idea of further continuing the duty on ship-building materials was practically abandoned. In the matter of subsidies, the speaker showed that the ship-builder, after getting his bonus, could make money by putting his ship into the English trade, and then proceeding to build another. Great Britain had subsidized steamships to a few steamship lines, in order to induce them to carry her mails, but under conditions so hard that the Cunard line was about to give up its subsidy, and other owners were certain to follow. The report of the Committee on shipbuilding had resulted in sending all our vessels into foreign waters under foreign flags. England had now more shipbuilding than she could do, and once let the flood-gates be open and that business removed from American builders, and let our merchants be free to send their orders to the Clyde for ships, and it would not be long before the price of wages would be so increased in England as to enable America to enter into successful competition than accomplishing the object of the protective policy with relation to ship building.

Mr. Sherrock, of St. Louis, spoke in favor of subsidizing the builders of iron steamships, whether on the ocean, lakes, or on the Western waters. He read the letter of Secretary Robeson, dated April 14, 1871, in reply to the Senate resolution of inquiry to the propositions made by the International Steamship Company.

Mr. Copp, of New York, presented his views in a series of resolutions, which he proposed to offer at the present time. These were substantially to the effect that Congress authorizes the admission of foreign-built vessels to American registry for the foreign commerce; also, that one or more weekly mail routes be established across the Atlantic, the mails to be carried in iron steamships, built in America, the government to advertise for proposals and let the contract to the lowest responsible bidder; also, that the government give to existing lines of American steamships, on the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, liberal compensation for the mail service performed by them.

Mr. Kirkland, of Baltimore said that he should not engage any proposition tending to the building up of a great monopoly, and to the detriment of the vessels of smaller tonnage as would be the case by the Boutte or subsidy plan. He advocated the removal of the tax on all materials and supplies for subsistence and repairs. The resumption of specie payment would also be of great value to the shipping interest.

Mr. McPherson, of St. Louis, and Mr. Rogers, of Boston, spoke in favor of some compromise between the resolutions offered by Messrs. Chandler and Opdyke.

Mr. Burwell, of New Orleans, was in favor of Mr. Chandler's resolutions, but urged the importance of doing something to relieve the jam in the trade of Spanish America.

Mr. Wetherell, of Philadelphia, offered, as a compromise, resolutions to the effect that it be passed allowing the purchase and registry of foreign-built vessels for a term not exceeding two years from the time the law takes effect; also that all materials, stores, and supplies be admitted free of duty; also, that a subsidy of $13 per ton, for five years, be given to every American-built vessel of not less than 1,000 tons.

A vote was taken separately on Mr. Candler's resolutions, which were adopted by a vote of 35 to 8, the Philadelphia delegation only voting in the negative.

The question being on the final adoption of Mr. Candler's substitute as a whole, a vote was taken for and 19 against. It was declared lost for lack of the requisite majority.

The question then recurred on Mr. Opdyke's substitute, which, as altered, only provides for the admission to registry for the foreign trade only of vessels sailing under a foreign flag, with no clause relating to the abatement of duties on materials, etc., which was unanimously adopted.

The board then adjourned until Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

NEW YORK:

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

MONEY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—The bank statement is regarded as unfavorable. The loss in legal tender was larger than expected, while the increase in specie was not as much as it should have been, considering the outflow of gold from the country. The Dominion Board of Trade was to meet at Ottawa, on the 17th of January next, and he hoped to then receive a delegation from this body.

Mr. W. H. Howland, of Toronto, gave the views of his delegation most at length, and proceeded to state some of their objections to the plan reported by the committee and adopted by the National Board. The Canadian delegation had come here for the purpose of offering certain things looking to the improvement of trade relations with the States. Among them was the enlargement of the canal connecting the Welland River with Lake Lawrence to meet the requirements of the great Northwestern trade. He called attention to the fact that the Canadian trade was also rapidly increasing, having swelled from $13,000,000 in 1871, to $167,000,000 in 1871. They had also proceeded to say something about the Washington Treaty, by the terms of which the fishing and coasting privileges had been given to the United States without any corresponding advantage to Canada. To satisfy claims against the Home government, $15,000,000 had been readily given away. Canadian property and rights. The fact was that Canada had all the legislative rights of an entirely independent country, and the feeling was that England had ceded away rights and property which were not hers to give. The question would come up at the next session of the Dominion Parliament as to whether Canada had received an equivalent for what had been taken from her by the terms of the Washington Treaty; and as to the approval of that treaty by the Dominion, he could say that there was a strong feeling against that approval, and the treaty would probably be rejected. The Canadian delegation had hoped to go home and say to their people that the Americans were willing to grant them things which the English government refused, but although disappointed in this they should carry back with them pleasant recollections of the occasion. The speaker briefly stated the objections of the delegation to the proposed basis of the commercial treaty. They were not prepared to admit American manufactures to Canada duty free, although they were ready to enter upon a free interchange of products. So long as they maintained their present connections with England and there was no probability of severing them; they could not enter into the proposed arrangement for the collection and distribution of import duties, and in any event Canada would not consent to such a wholesale surrender of the control of her affairs. The adoption of the proposed 25th clause would practically result in political annexation, against which the feeling in Canada was strong and almost unanimous. Canada was getting stronger every year as a nation, and she wanted to exist as an independent country; but her people did not want to give up their name and feelings as Canadians, and become Americans. In a few years at the rate of present growth, Canada would become a separate nation, and when that time came she would not be afraid to accept reciprocity trade relations with the States, but at any time ready to give way on any points which did not affect her relations with England. As to the matter of drying and of not take her affairs out of her own hands. She would not surrender her canals, and would even consider certain the Washington Treaty and endeavor to meet America on every possible point which could be done without the sacrifice of principles. If all these failed, then Canada would paddle her own canoe; always, however, preserving the most friendly personal relations with her brethren in the States.

THE TELEGRAPH.

The next regular proposition was that submitted by the Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce, looking to the protection of the lines of the telegraph by the enactment of laws to punish surreptitious ticking of the contents of private despatches, and also for the punishment of employes of telegraph companies for improperly using or divulging the contents of such despatches.

Mr. Able, of St. Louis, offered an amendment, directing that Congress be memorialized to consider the propriety of the government assuming and operating the telegraph lines in the United States.

Mr. Able's amendment was lost by a vote of 21 in favor and 22 against, and the original proposition was adopted.

INSPECTION.

The next proposition was that of the Baltimore Board of Trade, that abolishing forced State inspection.

Mr. Young, of Baltimore, offered a resolution to the effect that any State inspection of articles of merchandise is unnecessary unjust and oppressive to the mercantile interests of the country, and that the Secretary be instructed to communicate with such States as have in force the inspection laws complaining of, setting forth the opinion of the National Board, that all such laws should be abrogated. The resolutions were adopted.

QUARANTINE.

The next proposition was that of the Boston Board of Trade, looking to the establishment by Congress of a Sanitary Board of Appeal to protect our citizens and foreign commerce from the irresponsible action of local quarantine officers. The resolution was adopted.

LIGHTHOUSE DUES.

The board then took up the proposition of the Boston Board of Trade for the abolishment of the lighthouse and beacon dues exacted by Great Britain, and for the maintenance of such safeguard to navigation by the government out of its public revenues, as is the case in the United States. The resolution was adopted.

FOREIGN COMMERCE.

The two adverse propositions of the Boston and Philadelphia Boards of Trade were taken up.

Mr. Windsor, of Philadelphia, moved to strike out all materials of American growth entering into the construction of registered vessels built in the United States, equal in amount to the duties on those articles had they been imported, while that of the Boston Board recommends that the promotion of commerce and the construction of sea-going vessels should be fostered by the abatement of unnecessary taxes and not by granting bounties or subsidies.

Mr. Wetherell, of Philadelphia, introduced other resolutions endorsing the plan of the Secretary of the Treasury for allowing $3 per ton on all American-built steamers of over 2,000 tons, and urging the government to assist American commerce by giving the foreign mail service to American steamships on the same terms as prevail in the land postal service.

Mr. Windsor, of Philadelphia, said that all agreed that something should be done to encourage American shipping, and the only question was how it could best be done. Protectionists, he said, wanted to begin by saying that the very system adopted to protect other interests had killed the life of building the shipping interest. (Applause.) It was evident that some special plan must be adopted for the protection of the shipping.

Mr. Candler, of Boston, offered a preamble and resolutions as a substitute, providing that the construction of American-built vessels at a low cost may be best promoted by admitting duties on materials used; that all vessels of foreign construction or bearing a foreign flag shall, when owned by citizens of the United States, be entitled to American registry, enrollment and license as if built in the United States of America, and that iron or material required for subsistence or repairs of vessels engaged in the foreign trade may be landed in bonded warehouses free of duty; that, in making contracts for the ocean postal service, the Post Office Department should give the preference to vessels owned by American citizens, providing that the service is rendered as low and generally satisfactory rates as are exacted by foreign vessels.

Mr. Candler supported his resolution in a forcible and telling speech, in which he advocated the remission of duties on ship-building materials as the best way to foster that interest. This could not be construed as a bounty, but was only a abatement of taxes, as the whole matter was based upon the question of cheap transportation of our exports and imports. Let Americans go into the markets of the world, and buy ships where they could get them the cheapest. If he was opposed to subsidies or government bounty, for he wanted the young sailor with his schooner or brig to have an equal chance with the gigantic steamship supported with its millions of capital.

Mr. Atkinson, of Boston, said that Mr. Windsor's admission completely knocked the bottom out of the Philadelphia proposition, and, with such admission coming from that side of the controversy, the idea of further continuing the duty on ship-building materials was practically abandoned. In the matter of subsidies, the speaker showed that the ship-builder, after getting his bonus, could make money by putting his ship into the English trade, and then proceeding to build another. Great Britain had subsidized steamships to a few steamship lines, in order to induce them to carry her mails, but under conditions so hard that the Cunard line was about to give up its subsidy, and other owners were certain to follow. The report of the Committee on shipbuilding had resulted in sending all our vessels into foreign waters under foreign flags. England had now more shipbuilding than she could do, and once let the flood-gates be open and that business removed from American builders, and let our merchants be free to send their orders to the Clyde for ships, and it would not be long before the price of wages would be so increased in England as to enable America to enter into successful competition than accomplishing the object of the protective policy with relation to ship building.

Mr. Sherrock, of St. Louis, spoke in favor of subsidizing the builders of iron steamships, whether on the ocean, lakes, or on the Western waters. He read the letter of Secretary Robeson, dated April 14, 1871, in reply to the Senate resolution of inquiry to the propositions made by the International Steamship Company.

Mr. Copp, of New York, presented his views in a series of resolutions, which he proposed to offer at the present time. These were substantially to the effect that Congress authorizes the admission of foreign-built vessels to American registry for the foreign commerce; also, that one or more weekly mail routes be established across the Atlantic, the mails to be carried in iron steamships, built in America, the government to advertise for proposals and let the contract to the lowest responsible bidder; also, that the government give to existing lines of American steamships, on the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, liberal compensation for the mail service performed by them.

Mr. Kirkland, of Baltimore said that he should not engage any proposition tending to the building up of a great monopoly, and to the detriment of the vessels of smaller tonnage as would be the case by the Boutte or subsidy plan. He advocated the removal of the tax on all materials and supplies for subsistence and repairs. The resumption of specie payment would also be of great value to the shipping interest.

Mr. McPherson, of St. Louis, and Mr. Rogers, of Boston, spoke in favor of some compromise between the resolutions offered by Messrs. Chandler and Opdyke.

Mr. Burwell, of New Orleans, was in favor of Mr. Chandler's resolutions, but urged the importance of doing something to relieve the jam in the trade of Spanish America.

Mr. Wetherell, of Philadelphia, offered, as a compromise, resolutions to the effect that it be passed allowing the purchase and registry of foreign-built vessels for a term not exceeding two years from the time the law takes effect; also that all materials, stores, and supplies be admitted free of duty; also, that a subsidy of $13 per ton, for five years, be given to every American-built vessel of not less than 1,000 tons.

A vote was taken separately on Mr. Candler's resolutions, which were adopted by a vote of 35 to 8, the Philadelphia delegation only voting in the negative.

The question being on the final adoption of Mr. Candler's substitute as a whole, a vote was taken for and 19 against. It was declared lost for lack of the requisite majority.

The question then recurred on Mr. Opdyke's substitute, which, as altered, only provides for the admission to registry for the foreign trade only of vessels sailing under a foreign flag, with no clause relating to the abatement of duties on materials, etc., which was unanimously adopted.

The board then adjourned until Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

NEW YORK:

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

MONEY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—The bank statement is regarded as unfavorable. The loss in legal tender was larger than expected, while the increase in specie was not as much as it should have been, considering the outflow of gold from the country. The cable telegrams show that the London money market is easier, and the inference is therefore drawn that the Prince may be better. Consols were reported 1-16 advance on yesterday's prices.

GOLD

opened at 110 1-4 before the board, and then fell to 109 7-8, bid on the favorable reports from London. During the morning the price fluctuated between 110 and 110 1-8. The rates paid for carrying were, 7, 1-32, 3 and 7 per cent. After the board adjourned the quotations were 109 7-8 to 110. The excitement in regard to the Prince of Wales has subsided for the present, and, as the shorts have nearly all covered, there is no probability of advancing the price. Until something definite is obtained from London, no great change in the gold premium can be expected. The exports of specie for the week were $215,224.

GOVERNMENT BONDS

were strong and prices were higher than yesterday. The calling in of the $20,000,000 of 6 per cents of '62 has created a demand for the other classes of 6 per cents on the list. The Treasury to-day paid out $2,200,000 gold in redemption of 5-20 bonds, making the total disbursements for this account $16,600,000. Central Pacific bonds closed at 109 1-4 to 109 1-2; Unions at 91 1-4 to 91 3-4; for Erie, 71 1-2 to 72; for land grants; 82 to 84 1-2 for incomes, and 27 3-4 to 27 1-4 for stock.

THE MONEY MARKET

in the morning was 6 to 6 per cent for government and stock collaterals, respectively, but at the close was in good demand at 7 per cent. Prime endorsed commercial paper passes at 8 to 9 per cent.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

was dull at 108 7-8 to 109 for prime sterling.

THE STOCK MARKET,

with few exceptions, was strong, and advanced all day, the features being Ohios, Lake Shore, Pacific Mail, Centrals, Erie, and Union. The market stood up full in the face of the unfavorable bank statement, but it may have been stimulated artificially, in order to enable the cliques to get rid of their stock. At the close, however, prices were off a little in some stocks.

Flour was in light demand, but most holders declined to make concessions to sell the low grades. At the close, the market was better for Minnesota and Wisconsin extras. Other grades were steady. The wheat market was heavy, though holders were firm. The market was strong for spring at the close, with a moderate inquiry for milling and export, the firmness of holders checking the latter. Corn was stronger and fairly active. The demand was chiefly for export, though fair for the trade. Spot lots sold at 50c.

[To the Associated Press.]

SUPPRESSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY PARADE.

At a meeting of the Board of Police to-day, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Superintendent be directed to notify the officers of the International Socialists of the city that the proposed parade of the societies on Sunday next will not be permitted by the police, and to use all proper precautions, if made, to prevent the same; and in the event that they do parade, to arrest the leaders and all participants.

Resolved, That the Superintendent is directed to take the necessary measures to prevent the parade on Sunday, in case the necessary permit is granted on that day."

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—The members of the International Society to-day denounced the order prohibiting their parade to-morrow. They asked the Governor to ANNUL the order. They said the proposed parade, but no response had been received up to to-night. The parade will probably come off some day next week.

At a meeting of the Internationalists to-night a despatch was read from Governor Hoffman, saying that he had placed the matter of the parade in the hands of the police authorities. The action of the authorities prohibiting the procession is strongly denounced. There was much discussing about changing the day for the parade to Saturday, as the specific objection of the Police Commissioners was on account of the day. A committee was appointed to have a parade on Christmas day. Subsequently it was decided to refer the matter to the Federal Council for approval or rejection after the delivering of the violent denunciation of the police authorities, expressed his determination to be present at the head of the column in which the parade was to start, with his red flag and sash, and assume charge over the route himself.

CONNOLLY'S CASE.

ALBANY, December 9.—In the opening of the argument before Judge Lathrop, of the Supreme Court, on an order to show cause why the order for the arrest of Richard B. Connolly, ex-Comptroller, should not be vacated for his bail bonds reduced, Hon. S. G. Courtney, of the counsel for Connolly, read an affidavit of his client in response to the affidavit of Fordham, on which the arrest was made. Connolly in the main denies the allegations of Fordham's affidavits, and sets forth that he did not appoint Green collector through any conscious mess of evil, or that he was a party to any fraud or collusion. He also positively denies that he purchased, while in the Board, or leaving the State or country. Mr. Strahan, on behalf of the people, read an affidavit of the Chief Clerk in the Comptroller's office, and others, showing that Connolly and the late County Auditor, Watson, were accustomed to hold private consultations. Other affidavits were also read, showing irregularity of the accounts in the Comptroller's office. Mr. O'Conor produced a portion of the vouchers which were not stolen, known as the Keyser claims, and to be forgeries, for the inspection of the Judge. Mr. Courtney then proceeded with his argument, saying the prosecution had given no evidence of guilt against Connolly. They have not shown that he had got a single cent of the $6,000,000 alleged to have been stolen. There was not a single witness before which would warrant the issuing of an order for Connolly's arrest, unless it is that he was about to abscond. The Chairman of the Committee of Seventy, and Sub-Committee, after examination, could find nothing implicating Connolly. He concluded by applying to the Judge to decide this question without regard to public clamor. Mr. O'Conor replying, said he had been requested by the Mayor (Mayor Hall is not a vulgar title). Further, he believed that prosecutions of this kind were to avoid reality. He can be prosecuted at leisure. "I believe, however, that Tweed and Connolly would fly." He continued, referring at length to the circumstances of the frauds and Connolly's connection therewith. He criticised Connolly's affidavit, declaring that the denials were too general, and thought it should be disregarded. He thought his honor should postpone the case a week and appoint a referee in New York to test all evidence. Connolly should be held on two grounds—first, manifestly guilty, and, second, his absence is, is guilty of neglect. Wm. A. Beach, on behalf of Connolly, next addressed the court. He said Hall, who was equally guilty, was now proceeded against, while Connolly was lodged in jail. Connolly's affidavit was full and explicit on every point. He denied the right of the people of the State to bring action to recover from the County of New York.

The Union Pacific Railroad Open.

OMAHA, Dec. 8.—The Union Pacific Railroad was cleared of all obstructions yesterday. Yesterday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, the last strip of road connecting the main track, between Red Buttes and Sherman, about sixty miles west of Cheyenne, where the snow had filled in all the cuts and two large afore-beds. In that vicinity there were cuts where the snow was from ten to twenty feet deep, and it was necessary to draw the snow out in cars, as it was impossible to shovel it out on either side, on account of the height of the solid walls. The three eastward-bound express passenger trains arrived at Cheyenne at 6 o'clock last evening, with 300 passengers on board. The trains will arrive in this city late this afternoon before 6 o'clock, provided no accident occurs. The passengers will go east over the Rock Island Road. A large number of freight trains are also side-tracked on the road, and they will be put in motion to-day.

—M. Thiers has written a letter of congratulation to M. Jules Janin, upon the speech made by the latter on taking his seat at the Academie last week. In this letter the President says he has a wish and a hope that the Assembly will soon remove back to Paris, and the government also. Among the Deputies the opinion is gaining ground that the time has come when a return might be made to the capital in safety.

—The Emperor of Russia has just issued a decree convoking the Diet of Finland at Helsingfors on the 1st of February, 1872. Since 1809, when the union with Russia was affirmed, there has been only one session of the Diet—in 1863, when it was called for the first time by a Russian Emperor. There is no fixed time for its sessions, and the Emperor, as Grand Duke of Finland, has the right of convoking it or not, as suits his pleasure. The coming session has caused much excitement and interest in Finland, and the whole country is occupied with canvassing and preparing for the elections.

STATE LEGISLATURES.

ILLINOIS.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

FEES AND SALARIES.

SPRINGFIELD, Dec. 9.—The

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"...h Dress Goods,"

...elours, Empress Cloths, Silk ...Wool Serges, Satines, Biarritz, ...shmeres, Cashmere Robes, ..., etc.

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MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

MONETARY.

SATURDAY EVENING, Dec. 9.

There is almost nothing to note in connection with the money market except the ...ease of the plethora of ...money seeking investment. Capitalists, however, ...would about letting money out in long ...ments, and the great bulk of the money is of ...ered for short loans on collaterals or investment ...of one kind or another that can be readi... turned into cash again. If the practice were ...generally established of buying and selling real ...estate mortgages in this market as is to some ex... not now in New York, it would furnish occupa... for a large amount of the funds of private ...ons, and they would seek that class of in... ...ments instead of government bonds, which ...only pay interest.

The banks of this city now hold in the aggre... ...gate probably $5,000,000 or $6,000,000 more deposits ...than they did before the fire. At the same time ...their loans have diminished so much that three ...fourths of the leading banks have cash on hand ...and available exchange to the full amount of their ...deposits.

Exchange continues in good demand, and sold ...several banks to-day at par. At the counter ...drafts sell at par and buy at 1-10 discount.

The Manager of the Clearing House furnishes ...the following summary of the business of his ...office for the week ending Dec. 9:

...day	$ 3,446,192.79
...sday	2,855,309.76
...esday	3,670,749.39
...rsday	2,333,826.32
...day	2,791,771.05
...day	2,999,431.00
	$16,807,279.33

Quotations for buying and selling Government ...securities are furnished by Messrs. Hunt, Preston & ...Co., as follows:

	Buying.	Selling.
...s of '81	117 1-2	117 3-4
...s of '81	119 3-4	121 —
...s of '81 (called)	120 1-4	—
...s of '81	120 1-4	121
...s of '81	120 3-4	121
...s of '81, January and July	119 1-2	119 3-4
...s of '81, January and July	114 7-8	115 1-4
...s of '81, January and July	114 7-8	115 1-4
...s of '81, January and July	109 1-2	109 3-4
...s, 7 per cents, (new issue)	108 7-8	—
...s, 6 per cents, 1881	113 1-2	113 1-2
...thern Pacific Gold 7-30s	—	Steady.
...go City 7s	—	100
...of Chicago 7s	—	100
...and Gold Coupons	109 1-2	110
...Warrants	108	109
...ricultural College Land Scrip	170	172

LATEST.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Gold opened at 110 1-8 and closed rather dull at 110 1-8@110 1-4. Loans, 5@7 per cent. Daily clearings, $67,000,000. The assistant Treasurer to-day paid out $2,250,000 for account of checks issued from Washington for the redemption of 5-20s, making a total thus far of $6,250,000.

The weekly bank statement shows the following changes: Loans, increase, $2,771,600; specie, decrease, $2,216,400; legal-tenders, decrease, $1,000,000; deposits, decrease, $1,160,100; circulation, increase, $15,300.

Money opened at 7 per cent. Later it was ...at 5 to 7 per cent.

Governments strong at the close of the day.

State bonds dull and nominal.

The stock market opened steady, but later in the day showed considerable weakness in the ...dealings, being unfavorably affected by the ...general activity in gold. Prices declined 1-4@1-2 per cent on the general list. Harlem was ...exception, and advanced from 130 to 130 1-2. ...Sales of specie for the week amount to $235,224.

...ton, 6s	117 1-8	Ocupa, 6s	114 7-8
...ton, 7s	110 3-4	Pacific, 6s	114 7-8
...ton, 10s	110 7-8	Pacific, 7-30s	109 3-4
...ton, 12s	111 1-2	Currency 6s	113 1-2
...ton, 13s	111 1-2		
...State bonds		Virginia, old	63
...nessee, old	66	N. Carolina, old	35
...nessee, new	66	N. Carolina, new	15
...ouris, 6s	93		
...ouris, 8s	93 1-4		
...Central	97	N. J. C.	111
...ago Union	93 1-4	St. Paul	34
...ago & Alton	117	St. Paul, pfd	57 1-4
...ago Alton Express	96 3-4	Wabash	37 1-4
...ago & Rock Island	96 3-4	Wabash, pfd	54 1-4
...ago & Fort Wayne	84 1-4	Del. & Hud.	84 1-4
...ago & Fort Wayne, pfd	92	Del. Lack. & West.	97
...ago & Milwaukee	69 3-4	Terre Haute	15
...ago & Milwaukee, pfd	82	Quicksilver	18
...ago & Northwestern	67 1-2	Chicago & Alton	117
...ago & Northwestern, pfd	81 1-2	Ohio & Miss.	47 1-2
...ago & Rock Island	96 3-4	C. & A.	97
...ago & Rock Island, pfd	109 3-4	Lake Shore	90 3-4
...ago & Pittsburg	92 1-2	Indiana Central	93
...ago & Pittsburg, pfd	97	Indiana Central, pfd	104
...ago & Western Indiana	97	Union Pacific	87 1-4
...ago & Western Indiana, pfd	81 1-2	U. P. bonds	91
...ago & Western Indiana, pfd	105	Central bonds	102 1-4

COMMERCIAL.

SATURDAY EVENING, Dec. 9.

The following were the receipts and shipments of flour and grain during the past twenty-four hours, as far as reported, with the corresponding ...ime one year ago:

	Receipts.		Shipments.	
	1871.	1870.	1871.	1870.
...ur, brls	4,230	8,478	3,140	5,588
...at, bu	35,100	5,000	3,500	—
...rn, bu	106,015	26,580	11,308	27,349
...ts, bu	39,705	15,338	6,438	7,120
...ley, bu	4,134	1,810	2,400	1,368
...rye, bu	11,786	4,730	10,835	800
...Corn, bu	48,400	29,902	3,160	—
...ed, bu	2,150	—	—	—
...rn corn, ears	55,080	145,600	9,000	29,200
...ts, bu	20,130	27,500	11,345	787,148
...k, brls	775	130	150	1,401
...f, brls	644	220	1,462	—
...ts, lbs	67,500	418,000	46,500	415,000
...ver, lbs	28,000	4,910	50,300	31,374
...ver, lbs	49,120	20,580	28,130	12,930
...ver, bags, No	4,150	1,000	167	167
...ver, No	29,650	16,464	1,707	5,508
...ver, No	687	1,132	894	1,049
...ver, lbs	1,000	97,400	307,150	126,003
...ver, hides	444	160	318	445
...ver, lbs	19,677	8,270	59,375	27,850
...ver, pkgs	2,551	—	—	—
...ber, m	1,445	400	650	2,600
...ber, pcs	600	1,075	300	1,374
...ber, cords	25	90	132	—
...ber, m	—	2,000	2,513	—

The receipts yesterday for city consumption were 10 wheat, 10,658 bu corn, 1,324 bu oats, 810 bu ...1,662 bu barley.

The following grain has been inspected into store up to 10 o'clock this morning: 46 cars wheat, ...cars corn, 46 cars oats, 3 cars rye, 15 cars barley, and 20 cars of flax.

The following were the receipts and shipments of breadstuffs and stock during the week ending this morning, and for corresponding weeks ...ing as dated:

	RECEIPTS.			SHIPMENTS.		
	Dec. 9.	Dec. 2.	Dec. 10.	Dec. 9.	Dec. 2.	Dec. 10.
...ur, brls	24,278	31,782		30,082		
...at, bu	190,400	157,200		315,042		
...rn, bu	349,540	683,920		245,186		
...ts, bu	143,462	183,481		100,970		
...ley, bu	12,291	9,851		5,824		
...rye, bu	67,108	69,470		31,110		
...ed hogs, No	2,605	1,376		879		
...ttle, No	37,636	37,506		37,702		
...ep, No	6,771	5,393		8,093		
	SHIPMENTS.					
...ur, brls	16,304			20,977		
...at, bu	97,110	61,472		5,485		
...rn, bu	414,303	709,045		141,190		
...ts, bu	12,291	19,851		13,000		
...ley, bu	67,108	69,470		31,110		
...rye, bu	2,605	1,376		879		
...ed hogs, No	37,636	37,506		37,702		
...ttle, No	6,771	5,393		8,093		

The receipts and shipments of produce during ...week were:

	Receipts.	Shipments.
...lbs	273	1,285
...brls	1,307	3,439
...lbs	2,574,467	2,574,467
...lbs	787,392	6,131,296

The leading produce markets were quite excited ...ay, and prices, especially grain, were very ...ar, principally on account of lighter receipts, though some additional impetus was given to the ...ket by the rumor that the Prince of Wales ...dead. There was more activity, even where ...e in prices was noted.

The Produce Exchange met on Monday next ...ard of Trade will remove into its new ...ers in the Tribune building, on the east end ...e Washington street tunnel. The announce... was received with hearty cheers.

Resolutions were adopted on ...day in respect to the memory of Law... Platt, an influential member of the ...d Board, who died this morning.

...ivities were firm at yesterday's quotation, ...ers not offering their property to any extent, ...most of them insisted on 90c. Sales were ...ted of 2 cars at 90c. New York was quoted ...

...ed hogs were less active and easier, in ...arity with Pro... and buyers were slow to ...for another reason—they seldom buy ...on Saturday, as to do so involves the risk ...ing over another day. The market opened ...at 5@5 1-2c per 100 lbs, and closed at 5 4-8@5 5-8c, one lot sell... at 5 3-4c. One lot was reported at 6c. ...the transaction was really made yesterday. ...of 600 head were sold to-day, and 5 car ...s part sold yesterday.

...ions were easier, but firm and more ac... The receipts of hogs for the week ending ...ay evening are believed to be the largest ...record, and the effect was a weakening of ...to the extent of 10c per 100 lbs this morning, on the price ...ales. This being reported on 'Change ...a corresponding weakening in the prices ...ard, though meats exhibited but ...ge. Lard being wanted for export. The de... for pork brought out numerous buyers, ...from among the short interest, which ...ed quite a return to former ...The market closed at the follow... ranges and quotations: Mess pork, cash or ...the month, $13.65@13.75; do seller January, ...5@13.80; do seller February, $13.50 ...; do March, $13.80@13.90; do April, $14.20. Lard, cash or seller ...5@8.10; do seller January, 8 2-4c; do seller February, 8 1-2@8 5-8c; do seller March, ...Green meats at 5 7-8c for shoulders, 8 1-2@8 3-4c for short clear, and 8 1-4@8 3-8c for short clear. ...ed meats held at 6 1-4c for shoulders; 9 1-2c for rough sides; ...8 1-4@8 3-8c for short clear. Dry salted meats ...for loose, Barrel Cumberlands, 6 1-4c; ...Hams, net 9 1-4c; mess beef, ...extra mess beef, $10.50; city tallow ...Stocks were reported of ...brls; 99 brls pork, 1,000 brls lard, 1,000 ...ed hogs, 1,000 brls beef, 1,000 brls do coun... 1,000 brls do at $13.90; 500 brls do at $14.20; 700 ...at $13.80; 1,000 brls do seller March, at $13.90 to ...1,000 brls do seller March, at $13.90 to ...1,000 brls do, seller January, at $13.80; 500 ...do, seller February, at 90c; 500 tes do, seller March, at ...; 100,000 lbs green shoulders at 5 3-4c; 200,000 lbs ...s cured do at 6 3-4c; 100,000 lbs do at 6 7-8c; 20,000 lbs ...at 8 1-4c; 50 tes sweet pickled, 10 at 15c.

The following was the package reported in ...ard to one year ago, at the most im... points:

	1871.	1870.
...ur, brls	24,278	31,782
...at, bu	190,400	157,200
...rn, bu	349,540	683,920
...ts, bu	143,462	183,481
...ley, bu	12,291	9,851
...rye, bu	67,108	69,470
...ed hogs, No	2,605	1,376
...ttle, No	37,636	37,506
...ep, No	6,771	5,393

...ARKETS.

...ur was very quiet and firm. There was a ...demand on Southern account, but offer... were light. Sales were reported of 30 brls ...ower extras (People's) at $5.25; 500 brls ...ower extra at $5.75; 100 brls do at $5.50; 100 brls ...at $5.60; 100 brls do at $5.65; 200 brls do at ...; 100 brls do on private terms; 50 brls spring ...at $5.60; 100 brls backwheat flour at $5.50; 75 ...brls do at $6.00. Total, 1,775 brls. Chartered ...day, 1,000 brls flour to Liverpool, at 2s 6d, ...ed at 2s 6d. Engaged this morning, 1,000 ...at 2s 6d, and 1,000 brls flour to Liverpool, ...at 2s 6d.

...ats were active and firm at yesterday's quotation, ...ers not offering their property to any extent, ...most of them insisted on 90c. Sales were ...ted of 2 cars at 90c. New York was quoted ...

...though with no encouragement from New York, and Liverpool. But the receipts were light (only 46 cars) and promise to be so in the future, while there is a good demand from the interior for milling purposes. A good deal of the wheat that would ordinarily have come to Chicago is now going to other points. This is especially true of Peoria, which is now milling large quantities of flour, much of it from wheat drawn from the northwestern territory hitherto tributary to Chicago. The fear of scarcely made ...short interest nervous early, and they quickly rushed up the market in options, cash wheat following suit, though but little wanted. The market for seller January opened at $1.29 1-2, improved to $1.29 3-4, and closed at $1.29 1-2. Seller last half of this month sold at $1 21 1-4@1.21 1-2, and seller the month at $1.20 3-4a 1.21. Seller February sold at $1.24 1-2@1.25. The lower grades were very quiet. Cash sales were reported of 400 bu No. 1 spring at $1.26; 47,000 bu No. 2 spring at $1.21; 10,000 bu do at $1.20 3-4; 94,000 bu do at $1.20 3-4; 1,000 bu No. 3 spring at $1.17 1-4; 400 bu rejected do at $1.05.

Corn was 3-4c higher, and in active demand at the advance, principally in a speculative way. New York was quoted firmer, and our receipts were less, but the great reason of the improved tone was the fact that the supply of corn to-day or ...ity promises to be much less this winter than was ...expected, as a great deal is now being used for ...hog feeding, and Central and southern Illinois ...are now shipping liberally to Cairo. The latter ...part will rather interfere with cash business, ...cars, but had its influence on prices, nevertheless. The market for cash lots of No. 2 opened at 42 1-2c, and advanced to 42 7-8, closing firm at 43 3-8@43 5-8c. Seller January sold at 43 7-8@43 1-8c, ...either February at 42 3-4@43c; seller April at 45 3-8 ...@45 5-8c; and seller May at 47 3-8@47 5-8c. Seller June was quoted at 49 1-2c. Cash sales were reported of: 21,000 bu No. 2 at 43 7-8c; 34,200 bu do at 43 3-4c; 82,800 bu do at 43 5-8c; 3,200 bu do at 43 1-2c; 7,200 bu rejected at 42 1-2c; 3,600 bu do at 42 1-4c; 6,000 bu do at 42c; 400 bu cars at 42c on track; 2,400 bu do at 43c delivered. Total, 181,400 bu.

Oats were very quiet and weak, opening at 32c, declining to 32 3-4c, and closing at 32 7-8c. The general feeling seemed to be that oats are high enough; hence there was an almost utter absence of demand from any quarter. Seller January sold at 33 1-4@33 3-8c. Seller April was nominal at 38 1-2@38c; and seller May at 38@38 1-2c. Cash sales were reported of 1,500 bu at 32 1-2c; 15,000 bu at 33c; 1,500 bu at 32 7-8c; 3,600 bu at 33 3-4c; 600 pu rejected at 30 1-2c; 600 bu do at 30c; 600 bu by sample at 34c. Total, 27,400 bu.

Rye was quiet, but 1-4@1-2c higher, owing to a light supply. Sales were 400 bu No. 2 at 62 3-4c; 3,800 bu No. 2 and No. 1 at 63 1-2c; 400 bu rejected at 58c; 300 bu do at 57c. Total, 5,900 bu. For seller January 64c was bid.

Barley was quiet, but a shade firmer, in sympathy with corn, closing steady. Seller January sold at 64 1-4. Cash sales were reported of 1,500 bu No. 2 at 62 1-2c; 1,300 bu at 61 7-8c; 7,000 bu do at 62c; 4,000 bu No. 3 at 54c; 400 bu, by sample, at 62c; 400 bu do at 62c; 400 bu do at 76c; 400 bu do at 72c. Total, 15,000 bu.

The Toledo *Blade* notices a deep-laid plan to swindle produce-dealers in the country, by asking for consignments, and giving references on a "Bank," which duly endorses them, said bank having only a mythical existence. The *Blade* sagely adds:

"The only safe course is for dealers to have nothing to do with parties at a distance of whose standing and reliability they have evidence that cannot be questioned.

With whom, then, should men do business?

The Pittsburgh *Gazette* says:

"The enormous over-production of anthracite coal in the Lehigh and Schuylkill districts, has caused a great decline in prices, and will necessitate the cessation of operations at the collieries. Even should work be continued, a reduction in the wages of miners must take place, and the inevitable strike will follow. Altogether, for both miners and operators, the sky looks gloomy, and much hardship to both seems about to fall."

LATEST.

In the afternoon the produce markets were very quiet. No. 2 spring wheat closed at $1.21 1-4; seller last half and $1.21 1-2 seller January. Corn sold at 42 3-4c seller the month, and 43 1-8c for January.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9—9 p. m.—Sales; 100 brls mess pork, January, $13 30; 600 tes lard, $ 1-2c, seller December; 100,000 lbs shorlders, 5 7-8c, cash; 750 boxes long clear, 6 1-2c, December and January, at Peoria, freight equal; 100,000 lbs green short rib at 5 3-4c; 40,000 boxes green rough sides at 5 1-4c.

Review of the Chicago Live Stock Market, for Week Ending Dec. 9.

The receipts of live stock during the week up to this evening were as follows:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Monday	1,784	17,795	256
Tuesday	1,986	18,374	34
Wednesday	1,259	27,005	397
Thursday	1,389	29,998	1,300
Friday	887	23,653	32
Saturday	500	20,000	126
Total	8,345	136,879	2,443
Last week	10,299	104,411	4,589
Week before last	10,299	104,411	4,589
Week ending Nov. 18	13,249	110,673	3,445
Total for 4 weeks	36,453	454,146	15,597

The following were the shipments:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Monday	1,341	9,500	—
Tuesday	939	2,302	374
Wednesday	1,901	4,417	374
Thursday	838	5,299	—
Friday	804	1,707	—
Saturday	—	—	—
Total	4,763	18,317	374
Last week	5,134	15,810	1,000
Week before last	5,134	15,810	1,000
Week ending Nov. 18	5,134	15,810	1,000
Total for 4 weeks	20,465	65,247	3,374

The receipts of live stock since January 1, 1871, compare with the receipts for the corresponding period last year, as follows:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Since Jan. 1, 1871	392,860	2,102,932	220,792
Same period 1870	366,501	1,443,977	217,006
Increase	34,299	658,895	3,786
Decrease	—	—	2,114

CATTLE.

So far as the better grades of stock, such as usually find their way into the hands of Eastern buyers, were concerned, the course of the market throughout the past week was all that could reasonably be desired. Eastern advices have been uniformly favorable, prices being reported higher all around, the advance varying from 1-4a 3-4c. This favorable state of things, in connection with the light receipts and the unusually fine quality of the stock marketed, stimulated the demand, and imparted a firm, healthy tone to the market for all grades that could be handled, to advantage by shippers. In the market for common descriptions there is no change to note for the better, the demand continuing light, and prices remaining weak and unsettled. Nor is there a prospect of any decided improvement until there is a diminished supply of poultry and game, or so long as it can be bought for little more than one-half the prices demanded by the retail butchers for "steak." There has been a very liberal attendance of Eastern buyers, whose daily wants proved sufficient to absorb all suitable offerings, and prices have ruled firm and uniform at $4.50@4.75 for medium to fair steers averaging from 1,100 to 1,250 lbs, and at $4.75@5 for good to really choice droves averaging from 1,340 to 1,400 lbs. Some extra droves fetched high prices, $5.75 @6.00 being realized in a few instances, while a fancy "bunch" found a buyer at $7.00. This drove embraced 19 head and averaged 1,714 lbs. They were fed by Isam Johnston at Lincoln, Ill., and were sold by George Bentley & Co. to Nelson Morris. Desirable stock steers have been in light supply, and though not in active demand, have appreciated in value to the extent of fully 10c, there being buyers at $5.00@5.50 for thrifty young steers, averaging 950 lbs and upward. The poorer sorts remain nominally unchanged at $3.50@4.50. Only a few cows and heifers have arrived, and only a few were wanted. Prices remain without decided change, ranging at $2.25@3.00 through droves and at $3.50@ 4.25 for common to good Northern wintered.

To-day there was little doing. The supply was light, and consisted mainly of "odds and ends" left over from the preceding days of the week, for which buyers were few. The fresh receipts were readily disposed of at yesterday's prices. Among the offerings was a drove of 20 Durham steers, averaging about 1,800 lbs, and a averaging 1,700 lbs. The latter were sold at $6.65. The market closed steady.

CLOSING PRICES.

Extra—Graded steers, averaging 1,400 lbs and upward	$6.50@5.7
Choice Bee'es—Fine, fat, well-formed 3 to 4 year old steers, and averaging 1,250 to 1,400 lbs	6.00@5.25
Good Beeves—Well-fattened, finely-formed steers, averaging 1,200 to 1,300 lbs	4.50@4.75
Fair Grades—Fair steers, in fair flesh, averaging 1,100 to 1,200 lbs	4.00@4.15
Medium Class—Medium steers and good cows for city slaughter, averaging 900 to 1,100 lbs	3.50@3.75
Stock Cattle—Common cattle in decent flesh, averaging 700 to 1,000 lbs	2.50@2.75
Inferior—Light and thin cows and steers	2.00@2.25

HOGS.

The receipts of the past week have been the largest of the season, reaching 136,379, against 104,561 last week, 104,411 week before last, and 74,506 for the corresponding week last year. With a single exception, the receipts during the week just closed were the largest ever known here, but such has been the character of the demand that the supply at no time seemed oppressive, and the prices current at the close of last week have been thoroughly sustained throughout. Both packers and shippers have been actively engaged, the former being stimulated by the healthy condition of the market for the product, and the latter by the increased demand and the higher prices prevalent at the East. The extreme range of prices was $4.70@4.95—the inside figure for a car load of "skippers," and the outside for a lot of Nepomset hogs. The great bulk of the hogs, however, changed hands within the range of $4.80@4.95. There is no deterioration in quality; on the contrary, the hogs marketed during the past week have been better than during last week or the preceding one, the larger portion averaging from 260 to 300 lbs.

To-day there was a reasonably active demand, and the market ruled comparatively steady. Toward the close the feeling seemed scarcely so firm, though the reported sales would not indicate any quotable decline. The pens were pretty well cleared at $4.90@5 for common, light, coarse, uneven, and mixed lots; at $4.90@4.95 for medium, and at $4.10@4.20 for good to choice, with a few extra at $5.25. Among the transactions were the following:

SHEEP—There are no new features to mention in connection with the market for this class of stock. The demand continues light, being almost wholly confined to meeting the current wants of the local trade, so that the receipts, meagre as they have been, proved adequate, and prices were no more than sustained at $3.25@3.50 for common thin lots; at $3.75@4.00 for medium, and at $4.50@4.75 for good to choice. A few extra sold at a shade higher prices. The market closed steady.

Chicago Daily Market.

SATURDAY EVENING, Dec. 9.

BUTTER—A fairly active demand still exists for fair to choice grades of butter, and the firmness that has characterized the market for some time past is still prevalent. The supply of choice qualities, though liberal for the season, barely keeps pace with the demand, and holders are enabled to realize promptly, and at very full prices. The movement in low grades continues slack, and, in some instances, material concessions have been granted, though nominally prices are unchanged. We quote: Choice dairy, 21@25c; fair to good tub and firkin, 18@1c; common grades, 9a 12c.

RAGGING—The demand for burlaps and gunnies continues steadily fair, and, with ample stocks on hand, prices are uniform. In cotton seamless here the movement is light, as is usually the case at this season of the year, but prices remain very firm, owing to the high price of the raw material. We quote: Stark, 36c; Lawiston, 34c; Philadelphia, 35c; American, 31 1-2c; Minnesota, 30c; burlaps, bags, 21 1-2@22c; gunnies, 11 @12c; wool sacks, etc.

BUILDING MATERIAL—The demand for building materials, though hardly as brisk as a month ago, is still fairly active, and prices are being held with unabated firmness. The following are current: Stocks on hand, $2,750@3,000; New York stucco, casting, $2.75@3.00; superfine do, $4.00@4.25; cement, $1.75; Rosendale cement, $2.00@ 2.25; manhattan dust, $2.00; lime in bulk, $1.25; white sand, per brl, $2.00@2.25; plastering hair, per bu, 12@15c; fire brick, per 1,000, $40.00@50.00; building brick, $12.00@13.00; fire clay $4.00@5.00 per brl.

BEANS—Are in good request at full prices, holders being firm at $1.50@1.75 for common, and $1.75@2 for medium to choice hand picked. The supply is liberal.

BROOM CORN—Is quiet but firm. We quote: Old brush, $[illegible]@146.00; new do, $130.00@ 135.00; and choice hurl, $[illegible]@—.

COOPERAGE—Continues active, and is steady at the recent decline. We quote: Pork barrels, $2.10@2.15; lard tes, $2.90@2.95 for wood, and $2.25 @2.30 for iron hoops; packages beef tes, $2.10@ 2.20; whiskey brls, $2.60@2.65; flour brls, $2.60 @2.65; and headings at $18.00@18.00 for pork; and $26.00@27.00 per m for whiskey brls and flour.

CHEESE—The general features of this market were unchanged in any important particular. As is usually the case at this season of the year, trade is dull, but prices—so far, at least, as prices goods are concerned—remain quite firm, as the stocks are light. New York factory is nominal, and commission outside quotations. We report: Full cream, 6 1-2@7c; skims, free, 4@5c; Ohio factory, 11a12c; Lackawanna, $10.00@10.50; Erie, $6.50; Briar Hill, $6.50; Walnut Hill, $6.50; Indiana, $6.50; Rockford Valley, $6.00; Bloomburg, $6.50; Wilmington, $6.00.

CIDER—Is in limited demand only, and prices are less firmly maintained. We quote: Choice to extra, $6.00@6.50 per brl—the outside quotation for choice sweet.

EGGS—The demand was small, and sales dragged at 26a27c for fresh, and at 20a22c for pickled, for supply continues liberal.

FRUITS—Dried—Under a more liberal supply there was a slight "softening" in the prices of dried apples, but, with this single exception, the market has remained unchanged from our previous. The stocks of both foreign and domestic fruits are generally light, and it seems probable that the present high prices will continue. We quote: Dates, 9[illegible]; figs, drums, 10[illegible]; do box, 20c; Malaga Turkey prunes, 9a10c; French do, 14a15c; raisins, $3.50@ 3.60; do new, $[illegible]; blackberries, 15 @16 1-2c; sliced cherries, 24a25c; peaches, pared, 20a26c; peaches, halves, 9 1-2a10 1-2c; currants, 10a11c; apples, new, Southern, 5a6c; do new Western, 9@10c; do new Michigan, 10a11c.

FISH—Whitefish, though not required for any considerable extent, are held with great firmness, as the stocks are remarkably light for the season, and prices are relatively high. Any material increase in the demand would result in a speedy advance. For salt-water descriptions there is a steady demand, but with full stocks in store, and in sympathy with prices East, no easy selling obtains. Fair orders usually being filled at a slight concession from the quotations. We make no change in our list as follows: No.1 whitefish, $[illegible]; No. 2, $5.25a5.50; trout, $5.25a5.50; No. 1 shore mackerel, $10.00@10.25; No. 1 bay, $6.50a 8.00; No. 2 shore mackerel, $8.00a8.50; No. 2 bay mackerel, $7.00a7.50; No. 1 family kits, $2.00@ 2.10; No. 1 bay, $1.85a1.90; family kits, $1.50a1.75; bank cod, $3.75a4.25; George's cod, $[illegible]; herring, $[illegible]; trout, $[illegible]; lake herring, scaled, $[illegible]; California salmon, half brl, $10.50a11.00.

GREEN FRUITS—Apples continue dull, and prices are weak and irregular. Cranberries have recently been frozen, but the supply is still excessive, and sales drag at $[illegible]@2.50 per brl from store. Grapes are in good request and remain firm. Oranges and lemons are inactive. We quote: Apples, from store, $2.00a 3.00; Cranberries, $6.00a11.00 for wild, and $12.00a 14.00 for cultivated. Lemons, $7.00a7.50; oranges, $4.00@5.00.

GROCERIES—Trade was reported good all around, and a firm feeling was generally evinced in the market, being coffee, which was easy, and nominally 1-4c lower. Syrups are meeting with an increasing demand, but the stocks are ample and no advance is looked for. All sale goods ruled steady as previously quoted. The following are the prices current:

CANDLES—Star, 19a19 1-2c.

COFFEE—Prime Rio coffee, 21a22c; choice do, 23a24c; O. G. Java, 30a31c; Singapore, 26a 27c; Costa Rica, 23a25c.

RICE—Rangoon, 7 1-2a7 3-4c; Patna, 8a8 1-2c; Carolina, 9a10 1-4c.

SUGARS—A sugar, 19 1-4a19 3-4c; B do, 19a19 1-4c; C do, 18 3-4a18 7-8c; choice brown, 19 3-4a19 1-4c; fair do, 18a19 1-2c; New Orleans, 9 3-4a11 1-4c; molasses do, 9a10c.

SYRUPS—Diamond, $1.25a1.30; common molasses, 40a45c; Porto Rico Molasses, 55a60c; good choice house syrup, 60a65c; extra, 70a75c; choice silver drips, extra, 80a85c; New Orleans, 65a70c.

SPICES—Allspice, 14a15c; cloves, 14a15c; cassia, 25a30c; pepper, 22a23c; nutmegs, $1.30a1.35.

SALERATUS—Dwight's, 6 3-4a7c; standard 6 1-4a6 3-4c; German mottled, 7 1-4a7 3-4c; sesquire, 5 3-4a6c; brown Windsor, 4 1-2a4 3-4c; palm, 4 a 4 1-2c.

STARCH—Glass, 9 3-4a10c; corn, 10a10 1-2c; laundry, 8 1-2a 9c; common 5a7 1-2c.

RICE—Steady and firm at the following range: Common bar, 3a3 4c; barrelhead rice, 5 1-4a6 3-4c; heavy head, 4 3-4a5 1-2c; loose and light head, 4 1-2a5 1-4c; round and square, 4a6 1-4c; extra, 6a6 3-4c; half eval and half round, 5 1-2a5 1-4c; sheet iron, common, 6 1-2a6 1-4c; sheet iron, charcoal, 7 1-2a 7 3-4c; sheet iron, tinning, 8 1-2a8 3-4c.

HAY—There was a reasonably active inquiry from local customers, but aside from this the demand was unimportant, and, under liberal offerings, the market was weak at the decline recently noted. We quote the wholesale prices paid by dealers: On track—Timothy, pressed, $14.00; prairie, pressed, $9.50a9.75. On wagon—Timothy, choice, $13.00a13.50; prairie, loose, $9.00a10.00. For delivery of pressed hay, $1.00a1.50, according to distance.

HIDES—This market was without change in any important particular. Neither local nor Eastern tanners are actively engaged, but the combined demand proves sufficient to absorb the daily arrivals, and the market remains steady and firm at former rates. We quote: Green salted, cured, light, 11 1-2c; do, heavy, 10 1-2c; part cured, 10a11c; green frozen, 9a9c; cannain kip, 11 1-2a12c; veal kip, 14c; green calf, dry flint, 25c; dry flint, 19a20c; dry salted, 16a17c; dry kip, 22c; deacons, 10a10c; scored, cut, or otherwise defective, one-third to one-half less.

LUMBER—The market is steady at annexed quotations:

First and second clear	$48.00@50.00
Second clear, 1 inch to 2 inch	45.00@46.00
Third clear, 1 inch	35.00
Third clear, flitch	40.00@42.00
First and second clear flooring, together	$40.00
First and second clear siding, together	32.00@35.00
Common siding	30.00
Common flooring, dressed first	34.00@37.00
Common flooring, dressed second	30.00@32.00
Wagon-box boards, selected, 16 inches and upwards	25.00@27.00
A stock boards	30.00@35.00
B stock boards	25.00@28.00
Common boards, joists, scantling and timber, etc., 16 feet and under	$200
Fencing	20.00
Lath, 4 feet, sawed, 1½ to 1¾ inch	30.00@32.00
Pickets, square	14.00a16.00
Pickets, flat	18.00
Cedar posts, split	16.00@18.00
Cedar posts, round	30.00a32.00
Lath	1.50
Shingles, No. 1	1.25a 2.75
Sawed shingles, A or star	2.50 a 4.00

Shingles on track are quiet and 25@37 1-2c lower for A or star, and 37 1-2a50c for No. 1 sawed.

LEATHER—Only a moderate movement was noticed in this article to-day, and prices were steady and unchanged, ranging as follows:

HARNESS—City harness, union, 31a35c; city harness, Eastern, 30a32c; city harness, Western, 28a30c; city upper, per lb, 32a36c; kip, per lb, 36a41.50; kip, vealz, $1.03a1.15; city upper, No. 1, per ft, 36a38c; city uppers, No. 2, per ft, 33a37c; country uppers, per ft, 34a37c; calf, per ft, 34a36c; calf, city, $1.25a1.45; calf, country, $1.10a1.30; rough upper, 11 to 13 lbs, 30a32c; rough upper, 14 to 15 lbs, 33a36c; rough upper, damaged, 28a32c; Buffalo & slaughter sole, 36a40c.

OAK—Slaughter sole, 40a45c; Philadelphia sole 42a46c; harness, per lb, 36a46c; kip, light, $1.00a 1.15; kip, No. 1, medium, 90a95c; kip, No. 2, fine, for American calf, 82 lbs, $1.35a1.45; French calf, 28 lbs, $1.50a1.75; French calf, 26 lbs, $1.60a2.

THE FARM AND GARDEN.

Legislative Tinkering—Needs of the State Horticultural Society—Transactions of the State Agricultural Society—Wool Commanding Its Proper Position in Farming—A New Farm—Rogers' Forest Trees—The Weather.

From Our Agricultural Correspondent.

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Dec. 9.

Tinkering the laws appears to be an inherent principle in the American mind, and one of a most pernicious tendency. Every new man who becomes a part of the law-making power,—and we have plenty of new men,—shows, as he comes to the surface, a desire to tinker. He is ambitious to do something for his constituents if the rural districts, and at once sets himself to tinkering some one or more of the laws that affect their interests. The desire appears to be to do something, not because something is required to be done in that particular direction, but simply to do something that will attract attention.

At present there is a bill before the Legislature "For an act to reorganize the Illinois State Horticultural Society." It must have required no small amount of genius to have made the discovery that this society needed any reorganizing. It has been making steady progress for the past fifteen years, since its first organization, at Decatur, by some half a dozen energetic, practical men, who appreciated the advantages that were presented in our State for more extended operations in this department of rural labor. The progress made has not so much depended on the law as on the ability of the management. We have had some tinkering in the way of a State Horticulturist, of imported teachers, and the sending of the reports out of the State for printing; but these have been outgrown, and it is now in the most healthy condition, and has no need of change in the law or the present line of management. The State has steadily supplied it with $2,000 annually, to aid in the paying of expenses, premiums, and the printing of its annual reports. All that is required at this time is to let the law part alone, and simply continue the annual appropriation; for, without this, it cannot be maintained in all of its present usefulness. Let the friends of the institution see to it, that tinkers are compelled to keep hands off. Don't imbed it up with State horticulturists, or county societies, but let it stand on its own grand basis of usefulness, giving the people valuable lessons through its annual meetings, its essays, and reports of standing committees. Protect it alike from legislative tinkering and charlatan management; for it is, as of our most valued State institutions, as I should receive the fostering care of the General Assembly. It needs no large amount of funds—as $2,000 a year is ample for all its requirements. A like sum is now paid for the department of entomology, under the charge of which we yet hope to reap some advantage.

THE STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Transactions of this Society for the years 1867 and 1868 comprise a volume of some 700 pages. The gist of this report has all been published years ago in our agricultural journals and local papers, and in volume will find a quiet resting place in our public and private libraries. For this purpose it is valuable, for it has been prepared with both care and ability and, had it been promptly published, would have been of value to the stock-breeder and the stock-raiser and the orchardist. But, in this age of progress, three or four years are liable to throw some things in the shade and strand them in the forgotten past. Our State publishing department is no doubt a big thing in its way, but has no great attraction for the progressive farmer, stock-grower or orchardist. If there is no remedy for this state of things, I would most respectfully recommend that hereafter the Transactions of this society be dispensed with, or that the manuscript copy be filed away among the Archives of the State, for the benefit of some antiquarian in the later ages. For one, I would be willing to trade off the whole edition for an effective dog-law, that would allow us the privilege of keeping a few sheep on each farm of the State.

FOUR CONUNDRUMS.

First. What cause farmer in Northern Illinois has a good butter cow eight months, commencing the 1st of March?

Second. How much grain will this hand grow and put into the market in eight months on an average season?

Third. How much money is the crop worth at average prices?

Fourth. What profit has the farmer on the man's wages at $20 per month and board?

G. W. P.

We give it up, and pause for a reply. Any person who can correctly solve these questions shall be entitled to a pint of pop-corn, either shelled or in the ear.

All these conundrums are suggestive of another question, viz.: "Is farming a business pursuit?" Farming must first be ranked as a business pursuit; for it requires capital, labor, experience, and intelligent management. It must, therefore, come under the same general system as other departments of industry or of trade. It has less risks than most other departments of business, but is as liable to ruin a man in its speculations as merchandising, manufacturing, or operations on 'Change. There is no mystery about farming; at least, no more than in the management of a smithy, a carpenter-shop, or a grocery store; and the man who proposes to hire a hand for eight months may sit down and figure up the prospective profits or loss with as sound certainty as can the grocer when he hires a clerk, or the blacksmith when he adds another forge for an extra workman.

The man who enlarges his business must have a corresponding business capacity or he will find the large figure of the account on the wrong side of the ledger. Some men can manage their own labor and make a profit out of it, but if those men add other men's labor they fail in the attempt. Others, again, are only capable of labor, and the management must devolve on others. We see this every day; great merchants and bankers must form a partnership with business tact or genius will starve. Few of our inventors have made money unaided by the business knowledge of some other person. Sometimes the wife is the guiding star of destiny, but other some judicious friend. There is no mystery in this: it is simply in the natural nature of things. Some men make excellent farm laborers, but will never make good farm managers; some men can manage a small farm that requires only the labor of themselves and family, but could not make a large farm so paid labor, for instance, no man can manage large estates, that require immense outlays for labor, and yet these men would make very sorry clod-hoppers, for they would chafe under the restraint. And so it is with farming, as with all other business: there must be an adaptation of the proper combination of circumstances. Two men may hire out for $20 a month each and their board. Both are industrious, both sober, using neither strong drink nor tobacco; one saves nearly all of his earnings, while the other has somehow frittered his away. You cannot find the account for the difference, yet the fact is there.

MAKING A NEW FARM.

A friend of mine, John Powell, Will pall Milton, was a hardware merchant, making money; but his health failed, and his physician advised him to go to the country. He selected a farm of 240 acres, about one mile from a small railroad station. The land was open prairie, and cost him $10 an acre. He hired a small house in the village, or, rather, where there might be a village in time; purchased two span of horses, and hired one man to assist him and his family to commence the matter of breaking up the turf, that had been well pastured by the cattle-feeders, and of building a house. In this latter a serious mistake was made. The habits and exactions of the city had not been shaken off, and the money that should have gone to comfort and convenience was frittered away in appearance. Two men may hire out for $20 a month each and their board. Both are industrious, both sober, using neither strong drink nor tobacco; one saves nearly all of his earnings, while the other has somehow frittered his away. You cannot find the account for the difference, yet the fact is there.

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